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SUBJECT: GIRL KILLED IN PROTEST DEMONSTRATION; FOUR KILLED, SIX
WOUNDED IN ATTACK ON UNION OFFICE; ARGENTINE ARRESTED IN
CONNECTION WITH JANUARY 23 KILLING

REF: MADRID 551 (NOTAL)

1. IN ONE OF THE SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS
OF MADRID JANUARY 24 PROTESTING THE MURDER JANUARY 23 OF
ARTURO RUIZ GARCIA (REFTEL), 20-YEAR-OLD STUDENT MARIA LUZ
NAJERA WAS APPARENTLY STRUCK IN THE HEAD BY A SMOKE-
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BOMB CANNISTER, PROBABLY FIRED AT CLOSE RANGE, AND LATER
DIED OF THE INJURY. SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS WERE INJURED
IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS, INCLUDING SOME POLICEMEN, UNIVERSITY
AUTHORITIES SUSPENDED CLASSES IN BOTH MADRID UNIVERSITIES
JANUARY 25.

2. TWO MEN, ARMED WITH SUB-MACHINE GUNS, INVADED THE OFFICE

OF A LABOR LAWYER LATE JANUARY 24 WHERE A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STRIKING PRIVATE TRANSPORT SECTOR HAD JUST BEEN HELD AND OPENED FIRE POINT BLANK ON THOSE STILL PRESENT (ALL REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PCE DOMINATED WORKERS COMMISSIONS). FOUR DEAD HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND SIX ARE HOSPITALIZED IN EITHER CRITICAL OR VERY GRAVE CONDITION. THERE IS AS YET NO INFORMATION ON THE IDENTITIES OR AFFILIATION OF THE ASSAILANTS, BUT THEY WERE ALMOST CERTAINLY EXTREME RIGHTISTS.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUIZ GARCIA SHOOTING, POLICE ARRESTED JORGE CESARSKY GOLDSTEIN, A 49-YEAR-OLD ARGENTINE RESIDENT IN SPAIN FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS AND SAID BY THE PRESS TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH JUSTICIALIST DEFENSE COMMITTEE AND CONNECTED WITH SPANISH RIGHT-WING GROUPS. A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE OF SPAIN (THE PRESS SAID THE CORRECT NAME IS THE APOSTOLIC ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE OF SPAIN, OR AAA) TELEPHONED THE AFTERNOON PAPER INFORMACIONES TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RUIZ GARCIA KILLING. NEWSPAPERS RECALLED THAT THE AAA HAD PROMISED A "NIGHT OF THE LONG KNIVES" IF KIDNAPPED COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENT ORIOL WERE KILLED. THE POLICE CALLED IN FOR QUESTIONING EXTREME RIGHTIST LEADER MARIANO SANCHEZ COVISA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS GUERRILLAS OF CHRIST THE KING IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUIZ GARCIA DEATH, BUT WITHOUT IDENTIFYING ANY OF THEM AS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE SHOOTING. SANCHEZ ADMITTED BEING IN THE AREA BUT DENIED HIS ORGANIZATION HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE KILLING.

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4. PUCLIC AND PRESS REACTION TO THE LAST TWO DAYS' EVENTS, INCLUDING THE KIDNAPPING OF GENERAL VILLAESCUSA (SEP TEL), HAS BEEN ONE OF SHOCK. THERE IS VIRTUAL UNANIMITY AMONG NEWSPAPERS AND POLITICAL GROUPS IN CALLING FOR CALM, REASON, AND JUSTICE, AND IN CONDEMNING THE EFFORTS OF A RELATIVE HANDFUL OF EXTREMISTS ON BOTH FRINGES TO THWART THE DESIRE OF THE GREAT MAJORITY TO SEE DEMOCRACY PEACEFULLY ESTABLISHED. THE CIVIL GOVERNOR OF MADRID HAS ISSUED STERN INSTRUCTIONS TO QUELL ANY FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. STABLER

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